

Personnel

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Administration)

SUBJECT : Deferment Complaint

1. By Memorandum for File dated 4 May, DAD/SI, stated that the Personnel Director had informed him early in February that the Agency would request draft deferments for specially qualified individuals for departmental jobs.

2. In a memorandum dated 9 May addressed to the DD/A and signed by Mr. stated that the Personnel Director had informed Scientific Intelligence early in February that the Agency had made arrangements for draft deferments for departmental positions for specialized personnel.

3. OSI has apparently made at least tentative commitments to a few young men of June graduating classes that we could obtain deferments for them if they came to work for us. Since the publication of our draft deferment policy, they have had to withdraw some of these tentative commitments.

4. I have discussed this matter with both Mr. Kelly and . Mr. Kelly did, and not improperly, indicate in February that we would request draft deferments for departmental jobs for some specially qualified individuals. He flatly denies, however, making any statement that such deferments had been already arranged for. states that the SI people were left at least with the impression that such arrangements had been or could be made, but did not appear to be certain that such a direct statement had been made.

5. It is my own opinion that the Scientific Intelligence people, who have been the strongest proponents for draft deferments for departmental positions, have to a very considerable degree convinced themselves that they heard what they wanted to hear. I do not mean this to be necessarily critical, but do not feel that this complaint directed at Personnel is quite justified.

6. OSI thoroughly understands current policy and does not expect any further action on the attached papers. Recommend that they be filed.

Assistant Deputy Director
Administration

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